



Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestone, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Arthur Edmunds, UCAB Chair

January 20, 2017

Reminder!

UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting
Monday, January 23 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: Update on Recreation Programs
Guest: Elizabeth Ortega, Department of Recreation

All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Leggett to Hold Five FY18 Operating Budget Forums

7:00pm



Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is holding the first of five budget forums the second week in January to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Operating Budget priorities. Join discussion at [#MontCoFY18budgetforum](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/FY18budgetforum). ([Presentation Slide](#) | [Press Release](#))

- [January 25, Silver Spring Civic Building](#)
- [January 30, BlackRock Center for the Arts](#)

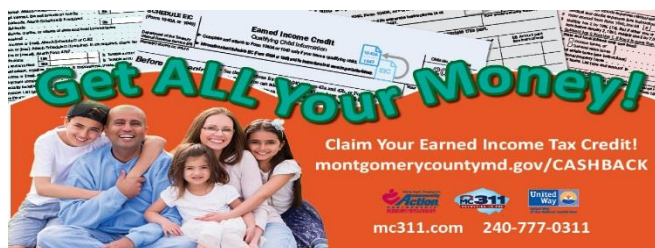
Updated Announcement

Montgomery Council approves increase in County minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2020

The Montgomery County Council approved Bill 12-16 that will gradually increase the County minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2020. Five amendments to the original bill were approved before the Council voted 5-4 to approve the amended bill, making Montgomery one of the first jurisdictions in the nation to approve a \$15 per hour minimum wage.

The bill now goes to County Executive Ike Leggett for his signature.

More information about Bill 12-16 and its amendments can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zk7no4n>.



Get All Your Money!

Claim your Earned Income Tax Credit! Also look into FREE tax preparation services and other important resources for low to moderate income County residents. For more information, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/cashback

Live Healthy – Health, Dental and Prescription Discounts for County Residents

Since 2004, Montgomery County has been partnering with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to provide FREE prescription discount cards and residents have saved more than \$32 million since the Montgomery RX program began. We have now joined NACo's Live Healthy program—and joined dozens of other communities across the U.S. in helping our residents save money on the cost of dental and health care services. The Live Healthy program continues to provide FREE prescription discount cards and has added a low-fee Dental Discount program that provides discounts on check-ups, cleanings, fillings, crowns, root canals and more. The low-fee Health Discount program provides discounts on vision services, hearing aids and screenings, diabetes supplies and more.

To learn more, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OPI/live-healthy.html> or pick up information at your local library, recreation center or senior center. You can also visit www.naco.org/health or call toll-free at 1-888-407-6226.



WELCOMING OUR NEW NEIGHBORS - SHARING RESOURCES MEETING

January 31 2:00pm-4:00 pm
Rockville Presbyterian Church
215 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville

For faith communities engaged in welcoming refugees and immigrants or exploring the possibility.

The meeting will provide information from the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center, Friends in Action, Resettlement Organizations, social services experts & more. The event is sponsored by the Neighbors in Need Working Group of the Faith Community Advisory Council

For more information call Patty Larson at 240-355-5140 or email patricia.larson@montgomerycountymd.gov

Open House Events MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Planning Study

The same information will be available at each Open House. Stop by anytime!

The Maryland Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, is conducting a study for developing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along a portion of the MD 355 corridor (as well as Observation Drive). Conceptual Alternatives have been developed and will be presented at two public Open Houses. The Open Houses will be held to provide information and seek comments from the public. The public's input is important in determining which Conceptual Alternatives will be refined and studied in more detail during the next phase of the BRT study.

Project information can be found at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brt. We also encourage you to submit questions or comments to md355brt@mta.maryland.gov or by mail to Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Suite 902, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Tuesday, February 7 6:30pm-8:30pm
Montgomery College-Germantown Campus
Bioscience Education Building
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

(Snow date: Tuesday, February 14)

The Campus is accessible via Ride On Route 83 or via the Shady Grove Metro Red Line using Ride On Route 55 to the campus.

Wednesday, February 8 6:30pm-8:30pm
Executive Office Building Cafeteria
Terrace Level
101 Monroe Street, Rockville

(snow date: Monday, February 13)

The building is accessible via the Rockville Metro station on the Metro Red Line, Metrobus routes Q1, Q2, Q4, Q5 and Q6, and Ride On routes 44, 46, 47, 54, 56 and 63.

Montgomery County's Office of Human Rights Co-Sponsors Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience April 8 – 16, 2017

Registration is now open for the Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience, which is an annual civil rights historic bus tour that retraces the steps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights heroes. The tour is hosted by the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, in collaboration with the Montgomery County Public Libraries, the African American Employees Association, the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The tour is available to County and non-county residents.

The bus tour will leave from Rockville on April 8 and return on April 16. This year the trip is scheduled during Montgomery County Public Schools spring break. The tour will travel to Greensboro, NC; Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, AL; Memphis and Nashville, TN; Little Rock, AR and Jackson, MS to retrace the Freedom Trail to learn about Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers and the Montgomery Bus Boycott, voter's rights, Little Rock Nine and other significant events of the Civil Rights Movement.

Registration, itinerary and cost of the tour is available at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights/outreach/2017_Civil_Rights_Experience.html. Interested individuals and groups should contact Beverly Marshall in the Office of Human Rights at 240-777-8479 or Beverly.marshall@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Last Day!
Help Select a BRT System Name is January 20!

The last day to enter the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) naming contest -- and win prizes -- is January 20 by 5 p.m. Do you prefer Flash, Rapid or Swift? Or, propose another name. [Vote online](#) or [learn more about BRT](#) in Montgomery County.

Voting closes on January 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Montgomery County "Senior Planet" Graduates

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett was joined by the County's Department of Technology Services Director Sonny Segal and ultraMontgomery Program Director Mitsuko Herrera in recently meeting and congratulating graduates (aged 60 to 75) who have just completed a 10-week technology course - a learning-based ultraMontgomery initiative. The County's goal is to create classes designed to help people, ages 60 to 85, use the Internet and other technology to improve their daily lives, connect with others, and to fully participate in the digital economy.

What is ultraMontgomery? - ultraMontgomery is a technology-based, multi-year, economic development initiative. Its objective is to grow knowledge-based jobs by making gigabit broadband more affordable and widely available to public, private, education and government institutions in major corridors and transit-oriented smart growth communities within the County.

For more information, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ultramontgomery>

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>